



GREEN ACRES  
GOLF CLUB

# winter news

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## Course Improvement Program 2010 - 2011

The last financial year was one of consolidation for the golf course with a great deal of attention given to improving playing conditions and overall course presentation. Feedback from members and their guests suggest that the hard work is paying dividends. The course was in exceptional condition over the summer period and is ideally placed to withstand the dormancy of winter.

Looking forward, the Board have adopted a course improvement program that continues in a similar vein. Being no need for major course works again this year, we can look forward to minimal disruption while we continue to work to improve course conditions for members. The following projects will be undertaken this year:

### Tee Works

New tees will be built on the 2nd, 11th and 14th holes for play during social rounds to alleviate stress on existing tee complexes. In addition, the current 2nd tee will be converted from Legend Couch to Wintergreen Couch which has proven to be a more reliable variety in high traffic and shaded areas such as tee boxes.



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### 2nd Fairway Renovations

A small area of the 2nd fairway (green side), used for vehicular access during dam extension works has failed to recover satisfactorily. This area will be raised with a sand base and turfed with Legend Couch.

### Retaining wall at the rear of the 8th Green

The construction of a retaining wall at the rear of the 8th green was first proposed in 2009 to alleviate the issues of mowing such a steeply sloped bank. Preliminary design work has now been completed and the construction of a timber retaining wall 7m up the bank to create a terrace is proposed. Below the wall will be re-shaped to enable mowers to maintain the area appropriately. Above the wall will be made into a garden bed consisting of groundcover and low growing plants.

### Maintenance of Rough

Rough lines between the 14th and 15th fairways have recently been irrigated and will shortly be sodded with Legend Couch. The area will benefit from the works due to the heavy traffic it receives. The rough line by the dogleg on the left hand side of the 8th fairway will be irrigated to encourage better growth of the couch grass already in place, while the existing Kikuyu grass at the beginning of the 18th fairway will be removed and replaced with Wintergreen Couch.

### Greenside Bunkering

Heavy greenside traffic has necessitated a review of our bunkering. On the 3rd hole, the front right hand bunker will be enlarged and the rear bunker removed to give a greater area for greenside traffic. At the 16th green, the middle left bunker will be removed to again allow golfing traffic more room to enter and exit the green.

### Construction of a New Maintenance Track

A maintenance track adjacent to the 10th tee will be constructed to help alleviate a thoroughfare issue on busy days and improve the visual aspect of the area. The new track would be used for maintenance vehicles moving onto the course without disrupting golfers waiting on the 10th tee. The works will minimise the dirt, dust and mud issues common in this area.



## Clubhouse Redevelopment Update

As detailed on our website, the Club attended a meeting hosted by Boroondara Council on 21 April 2010. This meeting was attended by Council Planning staff, project objectors, local residents and Club representatives.

The various issues raised are detailed on the website however the two main issues were the temporary facilities and car parking. Since the meeting the Clubhouse Redevelopment Sub Committee has discussed the issues with our project consultants to develop strategies that overcome these problem areas in a way that is also to the Club's benefit. We have identified a number of viable options that reduce or eliminate the need for temporary facilities and we are currently working on possibilities to increase our on-site parking.

A key objective of the Clubhouse Redevelopment Sub Committee over recent months has been to obtain a positive report from the Council Planning Officers. This report is due in early July and we will update the website once this report is received.

The Planning Application process has been extremely slow and whilst this has been frustrating it has provided us with additional time to develop our project construction program and identify improvements in certain areas.

The Clubhouse Redevelopment Sub Committee is now working towards a planning decision outcome to be in the latter part of 2010 with an ideal construction starting date in early 2011.



Proposed Clubhouse – Golfers entrance

## Golf Shop

The Golf Shop staff led by our new Director of Golf Simon Angliss have settled in extraordinarily well and would like to thank all members for the support that they've shown since their commencement in November of 2009. The team are thoroughly enjoying their roles and look forward to providing first class golfing services as they continue to build relationships with members. It has certainly been a busy start for the new team with learning the ropes and setting up the shop consuming most of their time. Behind the scenes however, the team have been working diligently to improve customer service and tuition standards and will be implementing some exciting features designed to benefit all members in the near future.

At this point we are eagerly awaiting the arrival of some of the latest technology in club fitting and coaching that will make Green Acres the envy of many golf clubs. We have just purchased the Flightscope launch monitor with the Ping nFlight club fitting software. This program uses similar technologies to those seen in cricket to adjudge LBW decisions using the "Hawkeye" feature, or in tennis to check line calls. The monitor follows the path of the ball and records data relating to launch angle, spin rate and shot dispersion while simultaneously recording characteristics of the path that the club travels. This information assists in matching the right club for each individual and provides the player with a fitting process and outcome that they can be confident in. This software has been designed by Ping but is not biased to their equipment, and can be used to test a player's current clubs for suitability or assist in the search for a more appropriate model of any brand. This technology will be extremely beneficial to all members looking to upgrade their equipment.

From a coaching perspective, the Golf Shop also welcomes the arrival of a new swing analysis software program that will ensure that the tuition services available at Green Acres are second to none. The Swinger Pro program allows for the viewing and comparison of golf swings and can be used to email video drills and other visual aids for the player to work on between lessons. To compliment this software, the Club has purchased a high definition camera which will produce higher quality footage than previously available.

Members who would like to take advantage of the technologies available to improve their game should contact the Golf Shop to arrange an appointment with one of our professionals.

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## Membership

The membership waiting list is currently open. Why not nominate friends and family, so that they too can enjoy the many benefits of membership?

The financial hurdle of the membership entrance fee has also been made somewhat smaller with new members now having the option to pay their entrance fee over three years. With a golf course that is the envy of many and a new clubhouse just around the corner, there has never been a better time to join Green Acres.

## 2010 - 2011 Subscriptions Members' Open Forum

The Board in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association have set the Subscriptions for the coming year. The 2010-2011 Subscriptions will increase by 6.5%. Junior categories Subscriptions will remain unchanged.

The 2010-2011 Subscriptions are as follows and are inclusive of GST:

Category	Current Fee	Increase	New Fee
Seven Day	1866.70	121.00	1987.70
Senior Seven Day	1344.20	121.00	1465.20
New Senior Seven Day	1400.30	91.30	1491.60
Six Day	1586.20	103.40	1689.60
Senior Six Day	1190.20	77.00	1267.20
Five Day (Closed)	1306.80	84.70	1391.50
Senior 5 Day (Closed)	980.10	63.80	1043.90
Junior Under 23	550.00		550.00
Junior Under 22	440.00		440.00
Junior Under 21	330.00		330.00
Junior Under 20	220.00		220.00
Junior Under 19	110.00		110.00
Member Under 18	55.00		55.00
Restricted	280.50	18.15	298.65
Social/Non Playing	187.00	12.10	199.10

### Note

- These fees exclude the House Account, Competition Fees and other standard charges.
- Members are eligible to join the Senior Membership waiting list when they have reached the age of 70 and been a member for 25 years or more.

### Payment Options

Members are reminded that subscription renewal invoices are due and payable on or by 1 August 2010 and annual subscriptions can be paid by direct credit, credit card (Visa or Mastercard), on the club website, cash or cheque or by instalments via Pay As you Golf.

### Pay As You Golf

The Club has continued its association with Pay As You Golf (PAYG) to provide members with an instalment system for their annual subscriptions payment. Application forms are available at the Club office or online at [www.payasyougolf.com.au](http://www.payasyougolf.com.au). Members wishing to utilise this service should fill out their application and lodge it with PAYG to avoid any delays.

The Board will be hosting a Members' Open Forum at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 14 July commencing from 7pm. The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity for members to ask questions of the Board on any matter relating to the operation of the Club. It will not be necessary to flag your questions in advance, but if you would like to raise a matter that might require some research in order to provide a full answer, you might like to advise the office in advance.

It is expected that the forum would conclude by 9pm and it would be appreciated if you could advise the office of your intention to attend so that we can make the necessary arrangements for the likely numbers in attendance.

## Annual Charity Effort

Members and guests have once again given generously in support of worthy causes. The annual charity raffle and members charity day raised over \$19,000 while the ladies have raised an additional \$6,500 through their annual events, giving a total of \$25,500 which will be distributed to local and national charities. In the past, benefiting charities have included Villa Maria, Guide Dogs Victoria, the Breast Cancer Network and Prostate Cancer Foundation.

In addition, a revamped Sponsors Corporate Cup raised \$8,500 for the Club's junior golf initiatives.

Thanks to all who gave generously and participated in the various events and fund raising activities. We have a proud tradition of supporting local charities and look forward to your on going support.

Charities benefiting from our efforts this year include:

Organisation	Amount
Breast Cancer Network	\$5,000
Prostrate Cancer Foundation	\$5,000
Villa Maria	\$4,500
Guide Dogs Victoria	\$4,500
Diabetes (Aust) Victoria	\$2,500
Motor Neurone Disease Victoria	\$2,000
Very Special Kids	\$1,500
Alzheimer's Australia	\$1,500
Camcare/Eastcare	\$1,000
Melbourne Legacy	\$1,000
Mt Aspiring Challenge	\$500
Dr Bernardo's	\$500
3RPH	\$500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>



View from rear of 7th green



## Welcome New Members

The following members have joined Green Acres since 1 August 2009. We welcome you to the Club:

### Seven Day Members

Greg Andrews  
Rod Berry  
Jen Bingham  
Stephen Bowtell  
Jeff Bowtell  
Simon Brewin  
David Chippindall  
Ted Chwasta  
Garry Clarke  
Brian Cooney  
Bob Crowley  
James Dimitriou  
Tim Dowdell  
Brendan Ellis  
Joe Fekete  
Neil Fry  
David Galt  
Rob Gilbert  
Geoff Handberg  
Philip Heath  
Aaron Hewitt  
Michael Horn  
Juris Hrynko  
Matthew Hynes  
Bill Kelly  
Henryk Kranz  
Alister Lindsay  
Mike Macrow  
Andrew Maher  
Matthew Mok  
Brent Morgan  
John Morgan  
Grant Muller  
Carol Murray  
Dermot Murray  
Mal Ramsey  
Jay Rao  
Ken Roberts  
Tony Rogers  
Roger Schmitt  
Ronnie Schwarz  
John Shepherd  
Nicholas Shortis  
Bob Strickland  
Mark Tucker  
Celesta van der Paal  
John Visser  
Zelda Walters  
Anthony Whitby  
Andrew Williams  
Bill Wise  
Lee Zolotas

### Six Day Members

Frank Bambino  
Brian Beaumont  
Mandy Coxon  
Kim Dray  
Helen Fellowes  
Jillian French  
Jenny Gardiner  
Heather Herbert  
Brony Holmes  
Ann Jopling  
Janine Kirzner  
Robert MacDonald  
Georgie Middleton  
Julie Morley  
Margot Mossman  
Wendy Muir  
Jan Rowlinson  
Nancy Stokes  
Pat Thomas  
Scott Wasley  
Christine Wordsworth

### Aged 18 - Seven Day Members

Carl MacDonald

### Under 18 - Seven Day Members

Alexander Cummings  
Adriano Donato

### Under 16 - Seven Day Members

Adam Barrington  
Lachlan Cho  
Matthew Cummings  
Hamish Fry  
Suchi Luo  
Anthony Morabito  
Sam Quinn  
James Tucker  
Mitchell White

### Restricted Members

David Parsons

### Corporate Members

Mike Potenza

## Junior Golf Development

Interest in junior golf continues to be strong at Green Acres. We currently have 68 junior members with 12 new members accepted over the last 12 months. Enquiry is still strong for this category of membership which is a testament to our commitment to junior golf.

Green Acres has a proud history of encouraging juniors to join the Club as active members. Programs supported by our golf professionals and the Golf Development Sub Committee are all well patronised. This year our initiatives have included assisting the development of junior girls through Sport Victoria, running golf development programs for children from six through to sixteen years of age, and encouraging our own junior members to play external tournaments by funding entry fees. Special junior programs were also run by the club professional during the school holidays. All these programs will continue to be run during the year. Members who know of any aspiring junior golfers who may be interesting in participating in our programs are encouraged to contact the office or Golf Shop staff for further information.

The 2010/2011 Ray Doherty Scholarship Nominations open in late July for golfers 23 years and under. This scholarship is designed for promising golfers to improve their game and provide other opportunities to improve their personal skills. The current joint holders, Sienna Lambert and Rodger Paul, have both benefited from the scholarship and are outstanding role models for the junior golfing group. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all members who have donated to this scholarship over the years - all contributions are greatly appreciated.



Junior clinic attendees practice their putting



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